

2021 Special Issue Board of Managers' Election

CRIER

Board of Managers Election

The election for the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the continued closure of the Village Hall, the election will be conducted primarily by mail rather than at the customary polls in the Village Hall. All registered voters will be mailed a ballot that can either be returned by mail or deposited in the ballot box located at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. All ballots must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Election Day, Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Five (5) candidates are confirmed to run for the four (4) open seats on the Board. The four successful candidates will be elected to a two-year term beginning on June 14, 2021. The candidates are (in alphabetical order by last name):

- Gary Crockett (Grafton Street)
- Margaret Marcus (Hesketh Street)
- Louis Morsberger (Cedar Parkway)
- Linda Willard (West Newlands Street)
- David Winstead (Kirkside Drive)

Election Supervisors will be on-site at the Village Hall polling place **Saturday**, **May 1**, **2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** to provide ballots to anyone who did not receive their mailed ballot or who needs a replacement ballot and to answer questions.

2021 Election Procedures

Contested elections (where the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats) are held on the first Saturday in May (Election Day). The rules governing the Village elections are set forth in the Village Charter. The Election Supervisors, comprised of five Village residents and chaired by Mary Sheehan of West Kirke Street, preside over the Village elections.

In the event the Charter or election procedures

published by the Village's Election Supervisors do not address an issue, the Election Supervisors will take into consideration, but will not be bound by, procedures adopted by Montgomery County and/or the State of Maryland for general elections.

• How to Vote: By-Mail Ballots

At least 14 days prior to the election, the Village's contracted election service provider will mail a ballot packet to each qualified voter. The ballot packet will contain a return envelope, a ballot (secrecy) envelope, and an official ballot. A control number and an affidavit requiring the voter to attest to the voter's eligibility will be printed on the outside of the ballot envelope. The affidavit must be signed for the ballot to be valid. All votes will be cast by secret ballot. Voters may vote for any combination of up to four (4) candidates. If more than four (4) candidates are selected, the ballot will be disqualified.

Voters must return their completed ballot in the provided ballot envelope by either:

- A. placing it in the ballot box on the porch at the Chevy Chase Village Hall (main entrance, Laurel Parkway side of the building) before 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021, or
- B. mailing the completed ballot to the Village Hall in the provided return envelope. Ballots must be <u>received</u> at the Village Hall by 3:00 p.m. on May 1, <u>regardless of postmark date</u>. Resident should allow sufficient time for a ballot to be delivered by mail.

Whether deposited in the ballot box or returned by mail, ballots must be received at the Village Hall by 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021, in order to be counted. Ballots received after that time will not be counted.

Voters are strongly encouraged to deposit their ballots in the ballot box at the Village Hall rather than returning them by mail.

Continued on page 5...

Candidate Profiles



Gary Crockett

Gary Crockett, of 142 Grafton Street, moved to the Village in 2008 with his wife Marla. They have two grown children, Emily and Jeff.

Mr. Crockett's professional background is in software, telecommunications, and technology. He has been a software developer, a manager, and CEO of a telecommunications software company. He received seven U.S. patents related to his work. He retired from the company he ran in 2003, and since then he has been mentoring early-stage startups in various technology fields.

The Crocketts moved to the Village from Texas not for work-related reasons, but because this is where they want to be. "We were attracted by the beauty and character of the Village, by its excellent public safety record, and by the first-rate services the residents enjoy," Mr. Crockett said. I'm pleased to have a chance to help ensure that the Village remains a great place to live.

Mr. Crockett hopes that his understanding of technology, comfort with numbers, and entrepreneurial perspective will be useful to the Board from time to time.



Margaret (Maggie) Marcus

Margaret (Maggie) Sullivan Marcus, a proud Hesketh Street resident, cannot think of a better community to call home and raise her three daughters. Maggie and her husband Robert have lived in Chevy Chase Village since 2012, when they moved from the Cleveland Park neighborhood in Washington, D.C. Their three daughters, Vivian (8), Frida Lou (6), and Ophelia (3) love their village home and riding their scooters around the neighborhood. They plan to stay in Chevy Chase Village to raise their three girls.

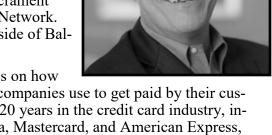
Maggie is an educator and recently finished her PhD (2020) in Applied Linguistics and Language Education at the University of Maryland (UMD), College Park. She is currently serving at UMD in a visiting assistant clinical professor role and a teacher educator for future World Language teachers. In the past, Maggie worked as an instructional coach, a bilingual teacher at a DC Public School, and was an economic analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Maggie aspires to serve her community as a member of the Village Board and hopes to be accessible to her community members to resolve issues that arise. She loves Chevy Chase Village and wants to help maintain its charm and help families with young children engage in the community.

Candidate Profiles

Louis (Lou) Morsberger

Lou Morsberger and his wife, Nancy, have lived on Cedar Parkway in Chevy Chase Village since 2001, and their children, Layne (18) and John (13), were both born in that time. Both children attended Somerset Elementary School, and Layne is now a senior at Stone Ridge while John is finishing 7th grade at Westland Middle School. Lou is an active adult leader with his son's Scout Troop, Troop 255. Lou and Nancy are members of the Blessed Sacrament parish, and Lou volunteers with Catholic Charities' SHARE Food Network. Lou is a Maryland native, having grown up in Catonsville, just outside of Baltimore.



Lou operates a corporate consulting practice that advises companies on how best to manage payments systems, including the technologies that companies use to get paid by their customers and to pay their vendors. His consulting follows more than 20 years in the credit card industry, including five years heading up Capital One's relationships with Visa, Mastercard, and American Express, before which he led product development for key segments of Capital One's card business. Lou earned his MBA from Harvard Business School and his B.A. (in Government) from Harvard College.

Lou has served the Village as Chairman of the Financial Review Committee since 2015. In addition to leading the Committee's annual reviews of the Village's outside audit, Lou led the Committee through its 2018-19 revision of the Village's Investment Policy, undertaken to ensure that Village investments balance financial returns with appropriate risk for a municipality. He also served as a member of the Village Budget and then Audit Committees from 2008 to 2014, before their consolidation into the Financial Review Committee. Lou recently advised the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle on their efforts to raise funds for enhancements to the Circle, including lighting for the fountain and additional flowerbeds and landscaping.

Lou's years of service to Village committees and neighboring organizations reflect his energy for contributing to his community. His candidacy this year reflects a desire to help guide the Village's approach to several important issues, including: the County's proposal to permit more multifamily housing types in the mile radius around the Friendship Heights Metro Station, potentially superseding Village authority over building permits; the proposed revision of elementary school boundaries by MCPS; further upgrades to the Village's stormwater management infrastructure; and finally (and less obviously, perhaps), ways to engage with businesses on both the WI Ave. and CT Ave. corridors that are an important part of the Village community, even if not within its jurisdiction. Most of these issues rely on relationships, communications, and advocacy with parties outside of Village control, a situation Lou is well familiar with from his days managing corporate partnerships between organizations with sometimes divergent interests. Much as he is regarded by his friends, clients and coworkers, Lou expects that if elected to the Board he would be a thoughtful, collaborative, and innovative representative of the interests of Village residents.

Candidate Profiles



Linda Jordan Willard

Linda Jordan Willard is a current member of the Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village. Linda has lived in the Village for 11 years with her husband Stephen and three children, Stephen (20), John Talbott (16), and Julia (12).

Linda is an attorney specializing in public policy and has worked in both the public and private sectors. She was a counsel on the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and was an attorney at Verner, Liipfert and later Sullivan & Worcester. She serves on the board of Issue One, a leading cross-partisan political reform group in Washington.

Linda is strongly committed to her community. In addition to serving on the Village Board, she delivers meals weekly on behalf of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Meals on Wheels and serves as co-chair of the Montgomery County Alliance of Braver Angels. In addition, she is a Maryland representative for the youth advocacy organization Parents Against Vaping and E-Cigarettes (PAVe). She is also an active parent volunteer at St. Albans

School and the National Cathedral School.

During her two years on the Board, Linda has tried to be responsive to residents' concerns while preserving the verdant and small-town feel of the Village. She was one of only two board members to vote against dismantling the Chevy Chase dog park.

Linda has an undergraduate degree in History with a minor in Theology from Georgetown University and a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.



David Winstead

David L. Winstead and his wife, Page, have lived in Chevy Chase Village for 38 years. They are the proud parents of three children: a son Trevor living in Riverside, Connecticut; a daughter Schuyler who is a veterinarian here in Washington, and a daughter Lindsay who is an architect in Maryland. Mr. Winstead has served on the Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village for many years in a number of positions, and he is currently serving as the Secretary to the Board. In January, 2021, he was elected as President of Montgomery Municipal Cable, and chairs the Board, which provides oversight and support to the staff running Channel 16 operations and their programming of community information and events of interest to the residents of municipalities in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mr. Winstead is an attorney with the law firm of Ballard Spahr LLP, where he practices in the areas of real estate, transportation, public-private partnerships and contractual matters. From 2005-2008, he served as Public Buildings Commissioner of the United States, and from 1995-1999 as Secretary of Transportation for the State of Maryland. He was recently reappointed to the Maryland Aviation Commission by Governor Larry Hogan, and is also serving a six year term on the Public Buildings Reform Board.

As a member of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, Mr. Winstead's expertise in real estate and transportation matters, as well as his experience with the officials and governance in both Montgomery County and the State of Maryland, provides an important perspective to Board deliberations.

Continued from front cover, Election Procedures...

Ballots that are not returned in the provided ballot (secrecy) envelope will not be counted. The Election Supervisors will not accept copies of ballots or ballot (secrecy) envelopes.

In the event a voter's ballot is lost, missing, or spoiled, the voter may request issuance of a new ballot from the Election Supervisors in-person at the Village Hall on Saturday, May 1, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

• Ballot Counting

At 3:00 p.m. on May 1, the Election Supervisors will close access to the ballot box. All returned ballots will be retrieved from the ballot box, and the Election Supervisors will serve as election judges to conduct the vote counting as follows:

- 1. The election judges will review the ballot envelope to ensure it was properly completed, as follows:
 - a. confirm that the control number on the ballot envelope matches the control number assigned to the voter,
 - b. confirm that the person who signed the ballot envelope is the person who was issued the ballot, and that the person who voted is a qualified voter listed on the voter register provided by the county Board of Elections, and
 - c. confirm that the ballot envelope has not been spoiled.
- 2. When the election judges determine that a ballot envelope is proper, that envelope will be opened. Any ballot envelope that is found to be improper will be canceled and will not be opened.
- 3. As required, the election judges will mark the Montgomery County voter register to indicate that the voter cast a ballot.
- 4. The election judges will then review the ballot to ensure that it is properly completed. Ballots that are properly completed will then be counted. Ballots that are not properly completed will be considered spoiled and will not be counted.
- 5. The election judges will keep any spoiled or canceled ballots and corresponding ballot envelopes and will ensure that those ballots are not counted.

Observers

The Election Supervisors, serving as election judges, will conduct the ballot opening and vote counting inside the Village Hall, which is

currently closed to the public. To permit candidates and interested persons to observe the opening and counting of ballots, the process will be live-streamed.

The live stream will begin no earlier than 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 1. To access the live stream, visit:

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/868728197
The access code is: 868-728-197

• Voter Eligibility

Any person who is domiciled in the Village for at least thirty (30) days prior to an election, will be eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the election, and is qualified by law to vote in Montgomery County Elections, shall be qualified to vote in any general or special Village election. Voter registration closed on April 1, 2021, 30 days prior to the Village election.

Provisional voters

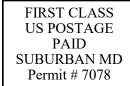
A person who is not on the eligible voters list is considered a "Provisional Voter". If considered a Provisional Voter, the person will be allowed to vote on Saturday, May 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The Provisional Voter will be given a ballot packet and an envelope marked "Provisional Ballot" by the election judge. The Provisional Voter will place the completed ballot in the ballot envelope, then place the ballot envelope inside the Provisional Ballot envelope, sign across the seal and print their name and address on the front. The election judges will place these votes in a large envelope or box labeled "Provisional Ballots" where they will be kept until the vote count is concluded.

If there are Provisional Ballots cast that could decide the election, the official results will not be declared until Monday, May 3, when voter registration can be verified with the Montgomery County Board of Elections. If the Provisional Ballots would not decide the election, they will not be counted.

• Election results

The four candidates receiving highest pluralities of the total number of votes cast shall be declared elected. To resolve a tie vote when there is no plurality that decides the election, a special election shall be held as soon as practicable after ten days' notice is provided to the community.

Once the successful candidates have been declared elected, the election results, including the number of votes cast for each candidate, will be posted on the main door of the Village Hall and on the Village website, and will be sent in an email to all residents registered for the General News Blast email list. To register for the email list, visit www.chevychasevillagemd.gov and click the "Notify Me!!!" icon on the homepage.





2021 Board of Managers' Election

Important Information for By-Mail Election

FIRST CLASS	

Meet the Candidates Forum

Residents will have an opportunity to participate in a moderated forum and dialogue with the candidates

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The forum will be held virtually.

To join via video conference:

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/208062293

To join by phone, dial 1 (866) 899-4679 (toll free).

The access code (for online or phone access) is:

208-062-293